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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111, 1.112, 1.121

This is a response to the Office Action mailed Oct. 15, 2004. This response has a due date of January 17, 2005, because January 15, 2005 fell on a Saturday.

a. Introductory Comments

Claims 18 – 23 were filed in this divisional application and have been rejected in the Office Action.

Herein, Applicants amend page 1 of the specification and Figure 5.

Herein, Applicants also amend claim 18, cancel claim 23, and add new claim 24.

Applicants request reconsideration.